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SECURITY PATROL MEMORANDUM NO. 10

TO: All Security Agents, CIA Emergency Security Patrol

SUBJECT: Action in the Event of a Major Disaster (22)

1. Reference is made to unnumbered Security Patrol Memorandum dated 23 July 1952 which outlines the training, operations and action procedures of the Patrol. All Security Agents should be familiar with its contents and new Security Agents may obtain a copy upon application to the Adjutant.

2. A CIA Regulation is in the process of preparation which enunciates the authority, responsibilities and functions of the CIA Emergency Security Patrol. This regulation will be given full distribution upon its publication.

3. The subject memorandum is to assure that appropriate action will be taken by Security Agents in the event a major disaster occurs during non-duty hours and renders telephone service useless. In such an event, when the Security Agent is reasonably sure that he cannot be contacted by his superior, and that he cannot contact his superior, he shall report, as soon as possible, to his regularly assigned CIA Registration Point (CIA Notice [redacted] dated 19 May 1953). The Senior Member of the Security Patrol reporting at each Registration Point will assume charge and be responsible for Security Patrol activities at that location. In the absence of orders from the Commanding Officer or other superiors, the Senior Security Agent present will engage the other Patrol members present in duties of maintaining order and assuring that the Personnel Registering Detachment properly registers all Agency personnel who report to the Registration Point. He may, if necessary, augment the Security Patrol on an interim basis by drafting other employees of the Agency into Security Patrol service in the name of the Commanding Officer of the Security Patrol. He will immediately and concurrently make every effort to establish contact with the Commanding Officer, Agency Office Headquarters, and other Registration Points. When contacts have been established and the requirements of other locations are estimated, Patrol members should be deployed to critical points as required in the most efficient and expeditious manner, without regard to Platoon membership. The Senior Security Agent ordering such deployments should insure that a Platoon Leader, Assistant Platoon Leader, or Senior Security Agent in the order of succession, will be present at all critical points to which segments of the Patrol are deployed.

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4. As stated above, these instructions are given to be used in the contingency where telephone communications have been destroyed. They will be followed and responsibilities will be assumed as indicated above until such time as the Commanding Officer or his successor in the order of succession has established contact with the Senior Security Agents.

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Executive Officer

Distribution: All Security Agents

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